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Welcome Back

Thanks to Brooke High School and John D. Rockefeller Technical Center for hosting a chapter visit.

SkillsUSA has extended the TPP deadline to Wednesday, December 4th.

SkillsUSA has chosen West Virginia as one of five states to pilot a Middle School Initiative for the 2019-2020 school year. Complete details located below.

Attached you will find the Tentative Agenda for the 2020 SLSC and the List of Contests, Locations and Dates. Keep in mind this is for planning purposes only. Locations and dates are subject to change based on registration and other determining factors.

Don't forget to collect items for the Winter Community Service Project.

Middle School National Initiative

We are excited to share that we will be sending an email to middle school administrators in 5 states (KY, ME, OH, RI, VT, VA, WV) to encourage membership by way of integration activities. This is a project funded by Hypertherm. Attached is the letter that will be sent by way of MailChimp on Monday, December 2. Within the letter they are provided with two resources to encourage participation in SkillsUSA. Those that are interested in receiving additional information are directed to contact the hotline operators.

The two resources that are linked in the letter, are located this page of the website. <https://www.skillsusa.org/programs/middle-school/>

SkillsUSA hotline number 844-875-4557

This initiative will hopefully build interest in our CTE centers for future students.

Winter Community Service Project

The State Officer Team voted to replace the canned food drive with a blanket/sleeping bag drive for the homeless. Please begin collecting blankets or sleeping bags to distribute to your local civic organization, homeless shelter, or other agency in need of these items in YOUR area. The school who collects the most blankets or sleeping bags will be recognized at our 2020 State Leadership Conference. DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NUMBER OF ITEMS AND CHAPTER PHOTO: Midnight, December 19th.

Important 2019-2020 SkillsUSA WV Dates

December 4 - Total Participation Contracts Due (TPP)

If your school has not participated and would like more information, please contact mwilkinson@k12.wv.us

Mail payments for state/national dues and total participation to:
SkillsUSA
14001 SkillsUSA Way
Leesburg, VA 20176

January 31- Dues **Deadline**

March 20 - SLSC Registration **Deadline**

March 23- Advisor of the Year, Chapter of Excellence Application, Honorary Member Applications DUE

April 17-18 SLSC, Fairmont WV

Changes for 2020. We will be having contests split between BOTH days. Making the change

will give more time for score input and time to offer additional contests.

Note: No exceptions will be made for late entries. Please plan early and according to the above deadlines. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

If you know former students, alumni, who would like to assist with the State Conference in April, please forward the link below and/or post to your social media account.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdw5jrHQVoDd3ANkmat0M0-Pq9lf5cbhUiWx8lrK1NqNekEYg/viewform>

[2020 SLSC Draft Agenda](#)

[2020 Contest and Day List](#)

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SkillsUSA National Information



Young Entrepreneurs Eligible for World Series of Innovation

World Series of Innovation is an online, project-based competition sponsored by the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship. Young innovators from across the globe ages 13-24 can enter the competition and compete for cash prizes.

Small teams will create business solutions that align with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Some teams compete independently, while others are affiliated with schools or programs like SkillsUSA. Students can compete on their own or in teams of two or three. For the current sustainability-themed innovation challenges that close **Dec. 16**, and details on how to compete, visit: <https://innovation.nfte.com/>.

Nominations Open for Inaugural Presidential Cybersecurity Education Award

Nominations are now open for the inaugural Presidential Cybersecurity Education Award. This honor will recognize educators who are doing great work to prepare the next generation of cybersecurity professionals.

The award will be presented to two educators — one at the elementary level and one at the secondary level — who demonstrate superior achievement in instilling skills, knowledge and passion with respect to cybersecurity and cybersecurity-related subjects. Winners will receive a trip to Washington, D.C., as well as public recognition and other professional opportunities.

Nominations close **Jan. 31, 2020**. To apply, visit: www2.ed.gov/documents/presidential-cybersecurity-education-award.pdf.

Order Your SkillsUSA Week T-Shirt

Gear up for SkillsUSA Week 2020! SkillsUSA member Courtney Hand, a junior at Cumberland County Technical Education Center in Vineland, N.J., submitted the winning design that will be featured on the official SkillsUSA Week T-shirt.

The shirt will be available for purchase at the SkillsUSA Store beginning Nov. 15 for \$12 each (\$3

upcharge on sizes 2XL-4XL). Secure yours early at: [SkillsUSAStore.Org/products/SkillsUSAWeek Tee](https://SkillsUSAStore.Org/products/SkillsUSAWeekTee) so you can roll into February prepared.

Did you know the SkillsUSA Store is on social? Connect with the SkillsUSA Store on Instagram by following @SkillsUSAStore for updates, giveaways and more. We're thankful for the support so far, and our first goal is to gain 500 followers by Thanksgiving. Spread the word and help us get there!

Seeking Talented Singers to Open Conference

SkillsUSA is seeking talented student or adult performers to sing the national anthem at the Opening Ceremony for the 2020 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference. Audition videos can be submitted via: <https://skillsusa.wufoo.com/forms/national-anthem-auditions/> and must be the singing of the national anthem.

Auditions must be received by Feb. 3. SkillsUSA does not pay any travel expenses for the selected singer to attend the national conference.

DEADLINE Nov. 25!

Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Offers Building Grant to SkillsUSA Chapters

SkillsUSA has partnered with Harbor Freight Tools for Schools on a new grant opportunity. Eligible programs can receive up to \$2,500 to strengthen their local SkillsUSA chapter.

Applications will be accepted through **Nov. 25**, and grant recipients will be announced Dec. 10. The grants are intended for SkillsUSA chapters established within the past three years that serve students enrolled in one of 27 construction, transportation or manufacturing occupational programs or contests.

To apply, chapters must complete an electronic application and explain how they will use the grant to improve the SkillsUSA program at their school. Applications will be evaluated based on proposed plans, community partnerships and sustainability of program improvements. Schools with 75% or more of their enrolled students qualifying for free or reduced-price lunches are encouraged to apply. Grant recipients will be required to complete an evaluation of their implementation during the 2019-20 school year, sign photography/video waivers and provide photos of students and teachers participating in activities funded by the grant.

"Harbor Freight Tools for Schools could not be prouder to support excellence in high school skilled-trades education through this partnership with SkillsUSA," said Danny Corwin, executive director of Harbor Freight Tools for Schools. "The outstanding students, advisors and mentors of the SkillsUSA community demonstrate the great promise of the trades as a course of study and career."

Added Timothy Lawrence, SkillsUSA executive director emeritus, "Partnerships like these expand opportunities for our members and strengthen relationships between education and industry. SkillsUSA is thrilled to partner with Harbor Freight Tools for Schools on this program, which supports the growth of SkillsUSA chapters across the nation."

The grant opportunity is available to high schools with SkillsUSA chapters established after July 1, 2016, in trade areas that align with the following SkillsUSA Championships competitions:

- Cabinetmaking
- Carpentry
- Electrical Construction Wiring
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (HVACR)
- Masonry
- Plumbing
- Sheet Metal
- TeamWorks
- Welding
- Welding Fabrication
- Welding Sculpture
- Additive Manufacturing
- CNC Milling Technology
- CNC Turning Technology
- Industrial Motor Control

- Major Appliance and Refrigeration Technology
- Mechatronics
- Residential Systems Installation and Maintenance
- Automotive Refinishing Technology
- Automotive Service Technology
- Aviation Maintenance Technology
- Collision Repair Technology
- Diesel Equipment Technology
- Marine Service Technology
- Motorcycle Service Technology
- MLR (Maintenance Light Repair)
- Power Equipment Technology

Grant restrictions: The grant may not be used for the purchase of tools, hardware, electronic goods or related items or accessories (including, without limitation, automotive and motorcycle supplies or accessories, engines and generators, garage and machinery equipment and accessories, lawn and garden accessories and supplies, welding equipment or accessories, and material handling equipment, parts and supplies.

To complete the grant application, go to: <https://skillsusa.wufoo.com/forms/2020-harbor-freight-tools-for-schools/>

